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**EARTH. FIRE. WIND. WATER. HEART.
WITH THEIR POWERS COMBINED, THEY SUMMON
EARTH'S GREATEST CHAMPION: CAPTAIN PLANET.
BUT THESE PLANETEERS NEED TO LEARN TO TRUST EACH OTHER FIRST.**

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POMPEII. 79 AD.

"FROM THE VERY BEGINNINGS OF LIFE ITSELF, THERE HAVE ALWAYS BEEN TWO CHAMPIONS..."

"THE ELEMENTAL GUARDIAN... AND THE HIGH PRIEST OF EARTH."

THE SOUTH CHINA SEA. 1377 AD.

"ONE SERVED AS AN IMMORTAL AVATAR, HARNESSING THE FIVE PRIMAL FORCES OF CREATION..."

"THE OTHER WAS A HUMAN VESSEL, CHOSEN EVERY GENERATION AS THE CONDUIT FOR OUR WORLD'S LIFE-GIVING ENERGIES."

KENYA. 1915 AD.

"ACROSS COUNTLESS MILLENNIA, THE GUARDIAN AND THE HIGH PRIESTS VOWED TO PROTECT THE EARTH AND ALL ITS INHABITANTS..."

"AS THEY CHanneled TOGETHER THE ANCIENT MAGIC OF THE FIVE ELEMENTAL RINGS."

NEW YORK. TODAY.

NOW
THE POWER TO
SAVE OUR WORLD
RESTS IN YOUR
HANDS...

MY
NAME IS GAIA,
THE LAST HIGH
PRIESTESS OF
EARTH...

AND I
BEG OF YOU,
PLEASE...BE THE
CHAMPIONS WE
NEED.

SIR, THE
TEST SUBJECT'S
BRAINWAVES HAVE
BEEN ELEVATED FOR
DAYS--SHOULD WE
SEDATE HER...?

THERE'S NO
NEED, COMMANDER
BLEAK--AND LET'S NOT
GET CARRIED AWAY ON
CEREMONY...

BY ALL
MEANS...CALL
ME LUCIAN
PLUNDER.



AND YOU CAN
TRY SUMMONING
WHATEVER LITTLE
"PLANETEERS" YOU'D
LIKE, YOUNG
LADY...

PLUNDERTECH
INDUSTRIES WILL
FIND THOSE RINGS...
AND THEN YOUR POWER
WILL BE IN HUMANITY'S
HANDS WHERE IT
BELONGS.



HUMANITY'S
HANDS,
PLUNDER...

OR JUST
IN THE HANDS
OF A PARASITE
LIKE YOU?



HEH--YOU'VE
STILL GOT SOME
FIRE IN YOU, I
SEE.

TOO BAD FOR
YOU, YOUR PITIFUL
RESISTANCE WON'T
CHANGE ANYTHING
IN THE END...

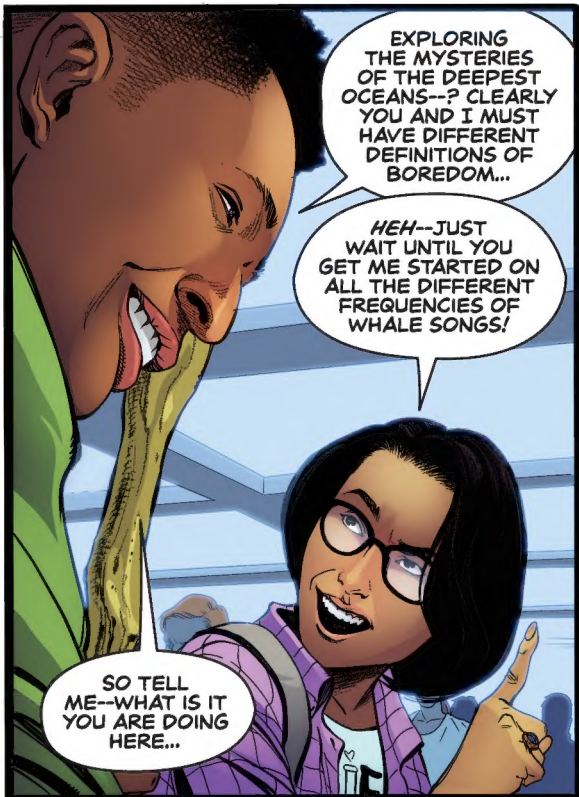




NO NEED FOR APOLOGIES, GI...MY INJURY HAS MADE ME NOTHING IF NOT RESILIENT.

HOWEVER, NOW I MUST ASK--YOU SEEM TO BE CARRYING A PARTICULARLY INTERESTING... SHARK?

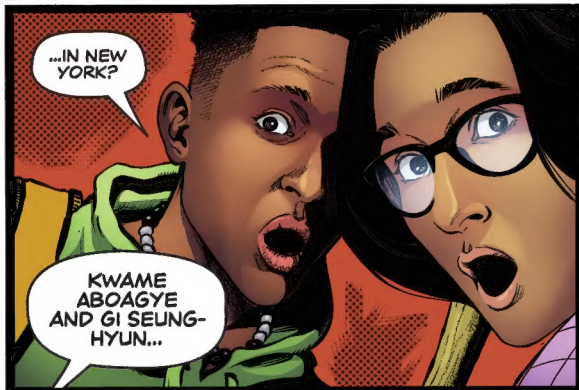
AH, YOU'LL PROBABLY THINK THIS IS BORING... BUT I'M A MARINE BIOLOGIST, ACTUALLY.



EXPLORING THE MYSTERIES OF THE DEEPEST OCEANS--? CLEARLY YOU AND I MUST HAVE DIFFERENT DEFINITIONS OF BOREDOM...

HEH--JUST WAIT UNTIL YOU GET ME STARTED ON ALL THE DIFFERENT FREQUENCIES OF WHALE SONGS!

SO TELL ME--WHAT IS IT YOU ARE DOING HERE...



...IN NEW YORK?

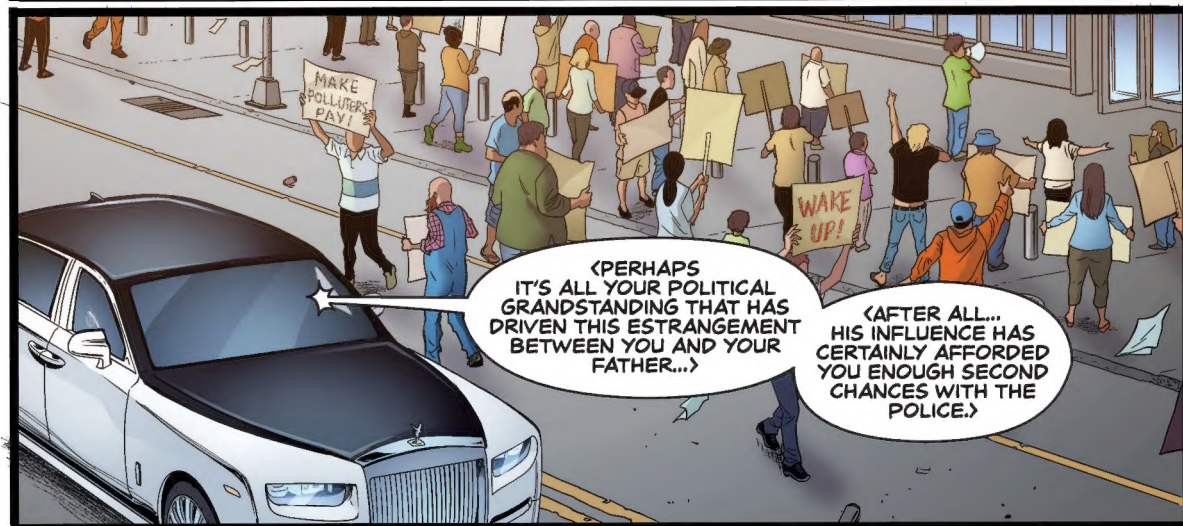
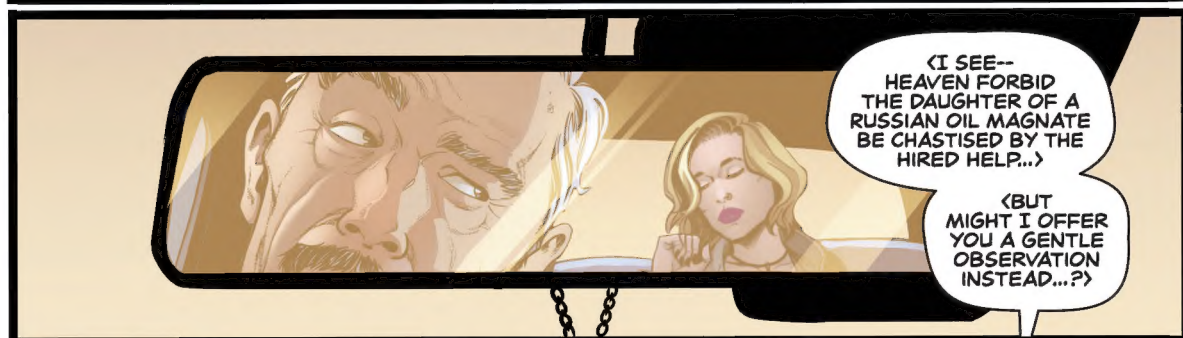
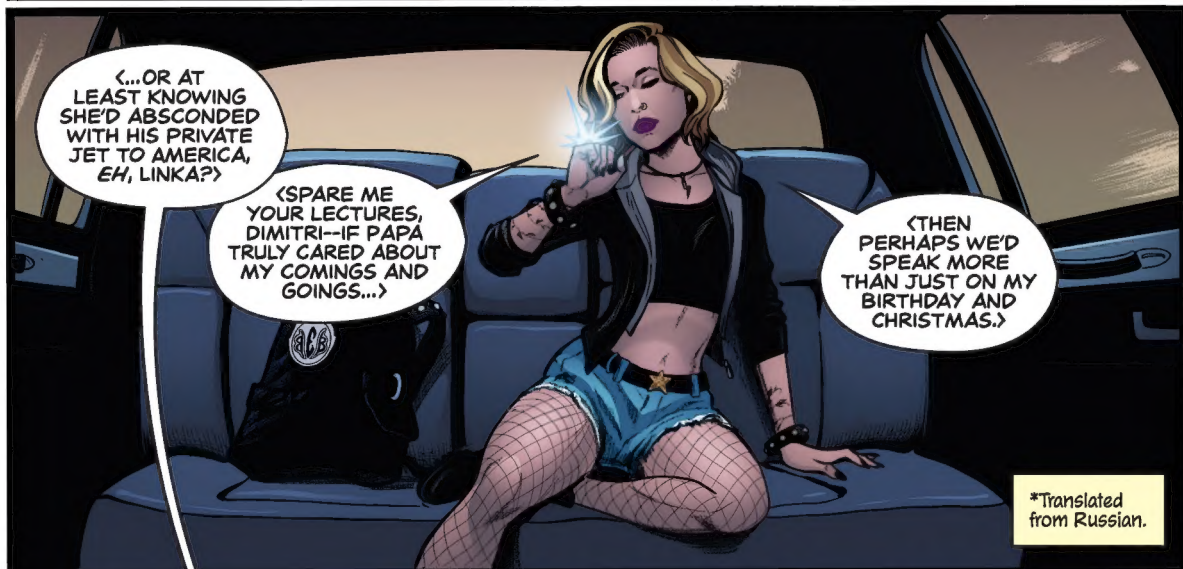
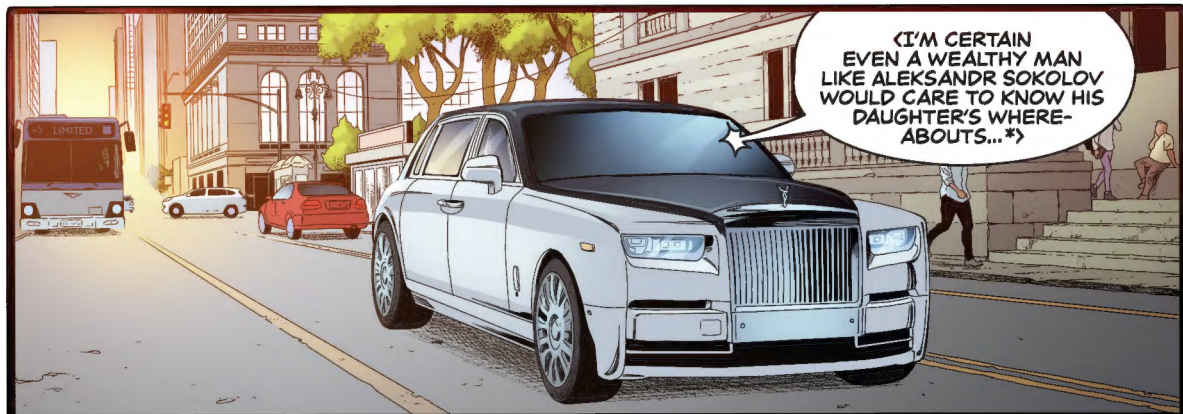
KWAME ABOAGYE AND GI SEUNG-HYUN...



WE'RE WITH THE NEW YORK POLICE'S 86TH DIVISION...

NOW KEEP YOUR HANDS WHERE WE CAN SEE THEM-- BECAUSE YOU'RE BOTH UNDER ARREST.

"SHALL I ASSUME YOU HAVEN'T SPOKEN WITH YOUR FATHER YET, MY DEAR...?"





◁IS THAT WHAT ALL YOUR PRECIOUS "ECO-ACTIVISM" IS REALLY ABOUT, MY DEAR LINKA...?▷

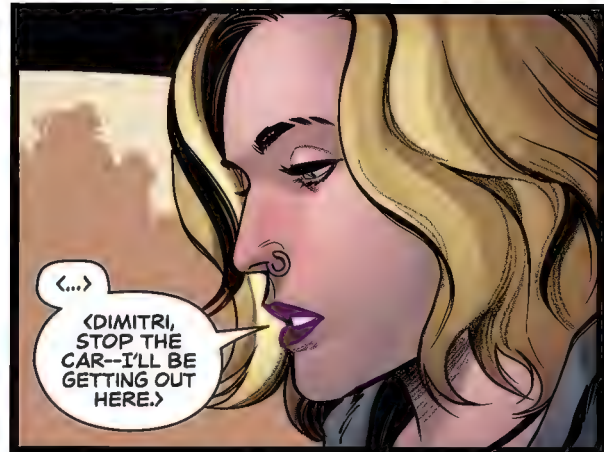
◁A SPOILED CHILD REFUSING TO ADMIT HER PRIVILEGE, EVEN AS SHE DEBASES HERSELF AMONGST THE RABBLE?▷



◁THESE UNSEEMLY THEATRICS WON'T HELP YOU SAVE THE WORLD, LINKA... SO WHEN WILL THIS TANTRUM OF YOURS FINALLY END?▷

YOU COPS REALLY DON'T GET IT, DO YOU? WE'RE NOT STANDING DOWN...

NOT UNTIL "LOOTIN' PLUNDER" SHUTS DOWN HIS NEW REACTOR PERMANENTLY!



◁...▷

◁DIMITRI, STOP THE CAR--I'LL BE GETTING OUT HERE.▷



◁WHAT ON EARTH--? RIGHT NOW?▷

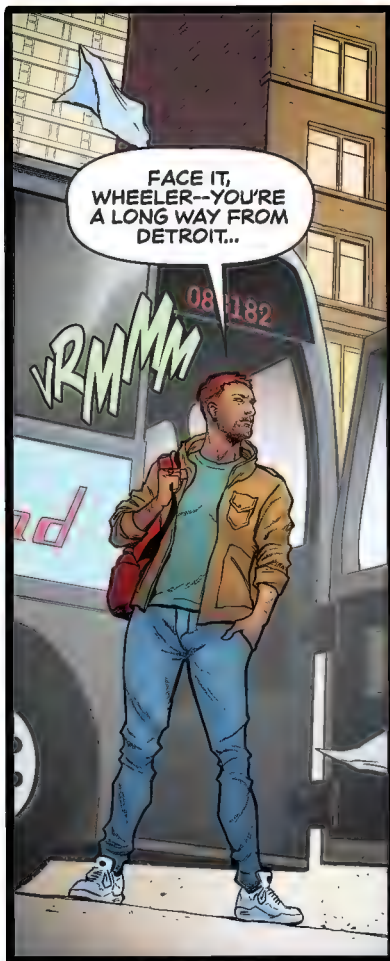
◁ARE YOU TRYING TO GET ARRESTED, YOU LITTLE FOOL?!▷



◁YOU SAID IT YOURSELF, DIMITRI-- IF I'M TRULY SO PRONE TO POLITICAL GRANDSTANDING...▷

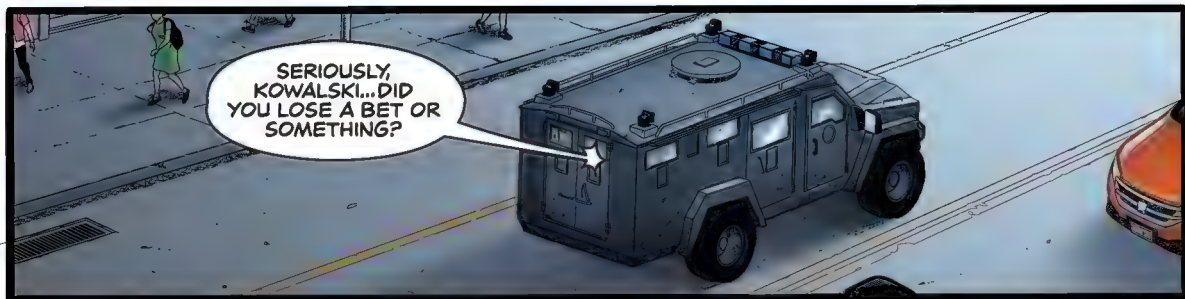
◁THEN WHAT BETTER PLACE TO START THAN ALONGSIDE MY FELLOW RABBLE?▷

"BOY, I GOTTA BE NUTS FOR EVEN CONSIDERING THIS..."









SERIOUSLY, KOWALSKI...DID YOU LOSE A BET OR SOMETHING?



WHY ON EARTH WOULD YOU BRING A HOUSE SALAD TO A FIELD OPERATION?

MMPH-- C'MON, IT'S MY LUNCH! MY WIFE SAYS IT'S HEALTHY...

EXCUSE ME, OFFICERS... BUT WHEN WILL WE BE GIVEN THE CHARGES BEHIND OUR ARREST?



PUT A SOCK IN IT, KID--UNLESS YOU WANT ANOTHER REASON TO BE WALKING WITH A LIMP.

VERY WELL, THEN--

--MIGHT I ASK YOU A PERSONAL QUESTION, GI...?



IS IT SIMPLY MY IMAGINATION...OR DO WE SHARE A SIMILAR TASTE IN ACCESSORIES?

NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT...ARE YOU LOOKING FOR THE RINGLEADER BEHIND ALL THIS, TOO?

INDEED-- THEN PERHAPS WE SHOULD CATCH OUR BEARINGS...



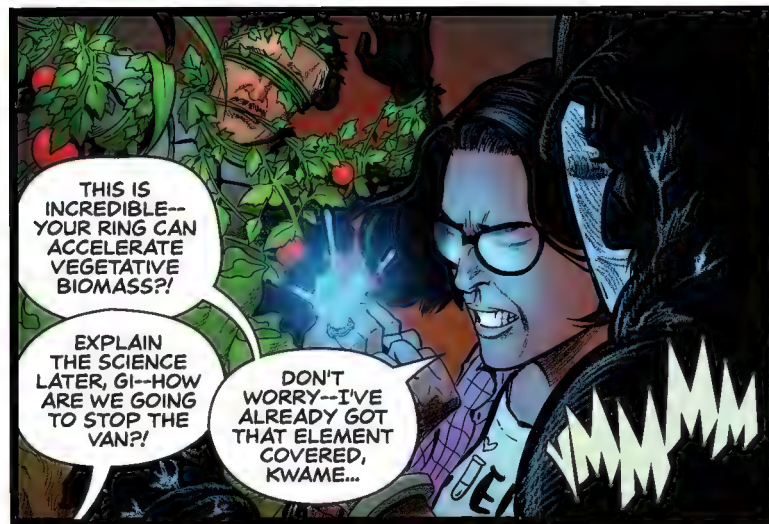
OFFICER, REMIND US... WHICH DIVISION DID YOU SAY YOU WERE WITH AGAIN?

MMPH-- UH, IT'S LIKE WE SAID BEFORE, KID...

WE'RE WITH THE 78TH DIVISION.



"WHILE
YOUR RESPONSE IS
UNCONVINCING, YOUR
FRIENDS WERE RIGHT
ABOUT ONE THING,
OFFICER..."



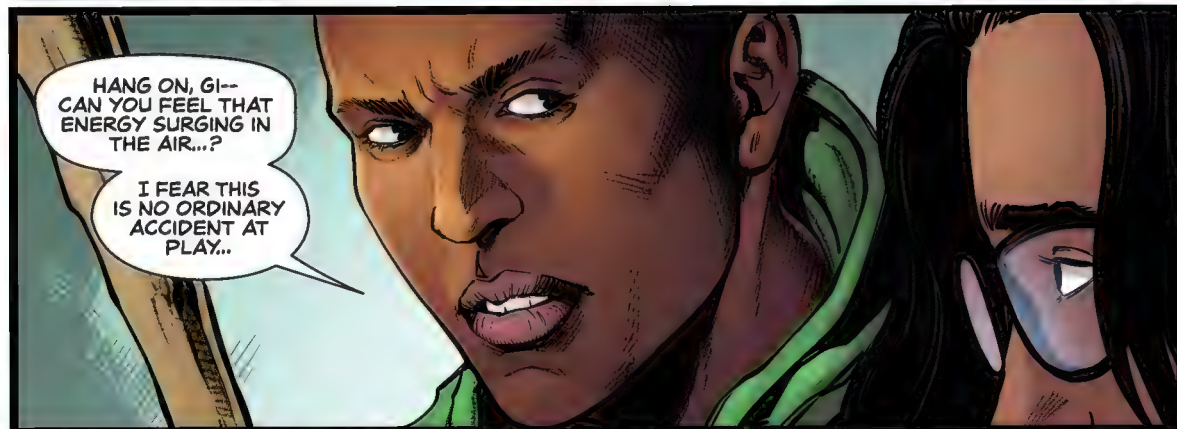
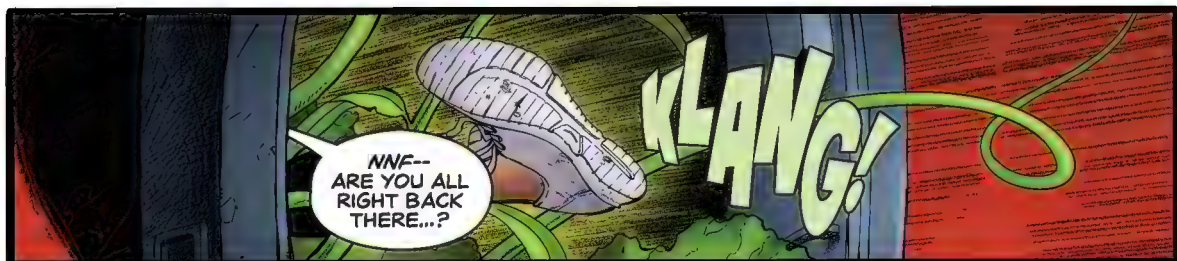
"THIS IS
INCREDIBLE--
YOUR RING CAN
ACCELERATE
VEGETATIVE
BIOMASS?!"

"EXPLAIN
THE SCIENCE
LATER, GI--HOW
ARE WE GOING
TO STOP THE
VAN?!"

"DON'T
WORRY--I'VE
ALREADY GOT
THAT ELEMENT
COVERED,
KWAME..."



"BECAUSE I DO...AND
I CAN FEEL EVERY
LAST DROP OF IT!"



"I DON'T THINK WE'RE THE ONLY ONES HERE WITH EXTRAORDINARY POWERS."

LISTEN, LADY...

POCO SH!

...I SWEAR THIS IS ONE BIG MISUNDERSTANDING!

OH--? YOU "ACCIDENTALLY" TURNED A PEACEFUL PROTEST INTO A BLAZING INFERNO?

NOT A CHANCE, AMERICAN--I ALREADY KNOW HOW TO DEAL WITH AGITATORS LIKE YOU...

BY TAKING NO @#\$@#ING PRISONERS!

FWOOOM!

EXPLOSIONS REPORTED IN MIDTOWN

CHAOS HAS ERUPTED IN MIDTOWN, AS A POLICE CAR WAS SET ABLAZE DURING AN ENVIRONMENTAL PROTEST...

WELL, AS I LIVE AND BREATHE--WHAT DO WE HAVE HERE...?

COMMANDER BLEAK--DISPATCH A CLEAN-UP CREW TO MIDTOWN IMMEDIATELY.

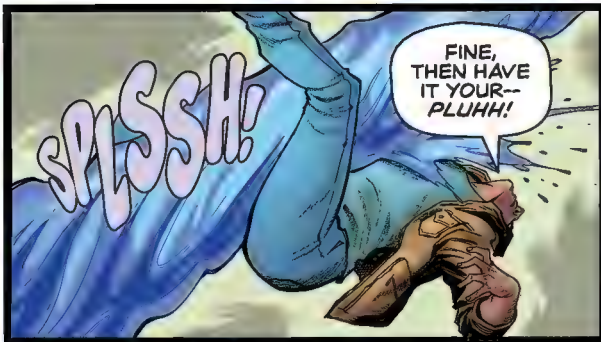
IF OUR AGENTS ON THE GROUND CAN'T CONTAIN THESE WAYWARD PLANETEERS...



"THEN WE MAY BE FORCED TO RESORT TO MORE EXTREME MEASURES."

LOOK, I DON'T WANNA HURT YOU, BEAUTIFUL...BUT YOU AIN'T LEAVING ME MUCH CHOICE!

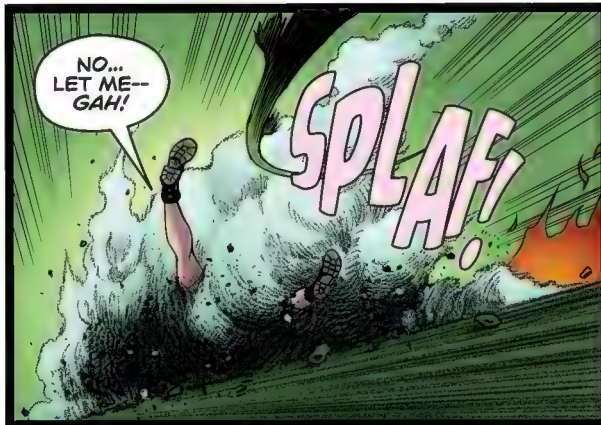
KEEP TALKING, YOU ARROGANT PIG--I'LL STILL BE SENDING YOU HOME ON A STRETCHER!



FINE, THEN HAVE IT YOUR-- PLUHH!



WHAT THE--?



NO... LET ME-- GAH!



LISTEN TO ME--YOUR SENSELESS QUARREL HAS JEOPARDIZED TOO MANY INNOCENT LIVES...

NOW STAND DOWN... OR WE SHALL PUT YOU DOWN.



YO,
RUSSKIE--WANNA
SWITCH DANCE
PARTNERS?

DA...BUT
ONLY IF YOU
CALL ME
LINKA.



OF
COURSE--JUST
ANOTHER RECKLESS
AMERICAN HOT-
HEAD!

FWOOM FWOOM
FWOOM FWOOM

LOVE
IT OR LEAVE IT,
YOU SCRAWNY TWERP...
YOU AIN'T BRINGING
US IN!



KWAME, I DON'T
THINK THEY'RE LISTENING
TO YOUR COMMANDING
SPEECHES--GAH!

SSSSH!

YOU
SHOULD'VE
MINDED YOUR OWN
BUSINESS, GEEK
SQUAD!



HA--
LOOKS LIKE I
CAN CATCH A WAVE
ANYWHERE I
WANT!

NOW
WHO EXACTLY
WERE YOU CALLING
"GEEK SQUAD," GOTH
QUEEN--?

SPLSSSH!





BOZHE MOI, I CAN FEEL YOUR MINDS... SO THE REST OF YOU HAVE THESE RINGS, TOO?

YES--AND I THINK ALL FIVE OF US CAME HERE LOOKING FOR THE SAME THING...



A WOMAN NAMED GAIA BEGGED US TO RESCUE HER...OR THE WORLD MIGHT SUFFER GRAVE CONSEQUENCES.

SO LET US BEGIN AGAIN...I AM KWAME, AND I HOLD THE POWER OF EARTH.



THE NAME'S WHEELER...I'VE GOT THE POWER OF FIRE, NATURALLY.



MY NAME'S LINKA--AND I CONTROL THE POWER OF WIND.



AND I'M GL...AND I HAVE THE POWER OF WATER.



CAPTURE TEAM--I'VE GOT EYES ON THE TARGETS!

NO--WE'VE ALREADY OUT OF TIME...

SHOOO

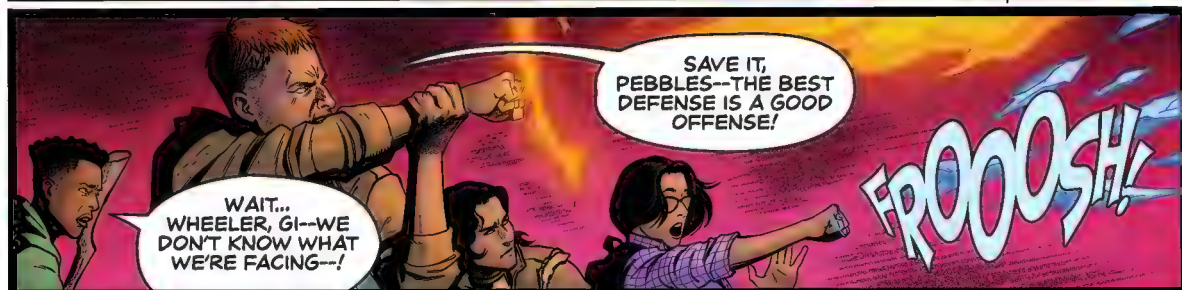


EVERYONE
GET DOWN!



CLEAN-UP TEAM,
THIS IS COMMANDER
BLEAK...

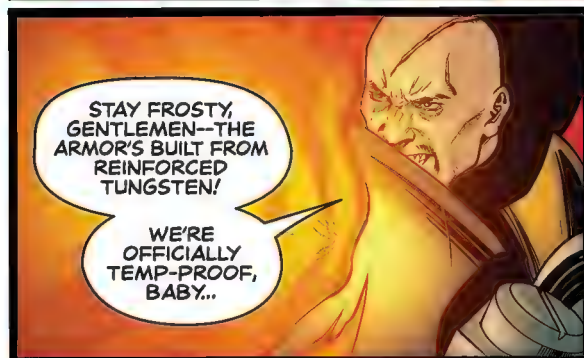
YOU ARE
NOW AUTHORIZED TO
TAKE OUT THESE LITTLE
PUNKS BY ANY MEANS
NECESSARY.



WAIT...
WHEELER, GI--WE
DON'T KNOW WHAT
WE'RE FACING--!

SAVE IT,
PEBBLES--THE BEST
DEFENSE IS A GOOD
OFFENSE!

FROOOOSH!



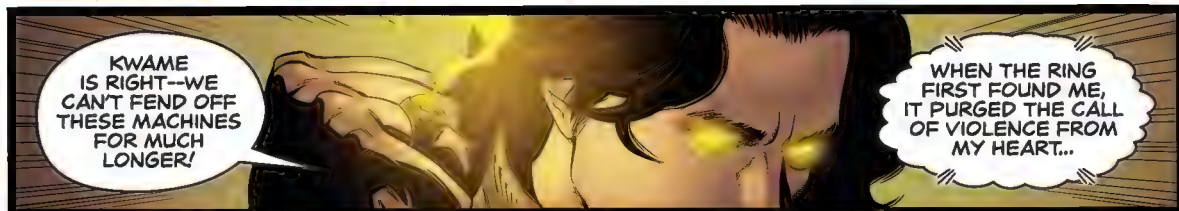
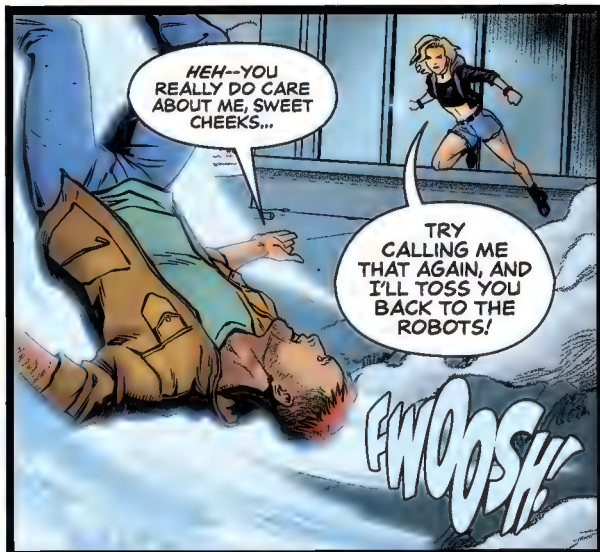
STAY FROSTY,
GENTLEMEN--THE
ARMOR'S BUILT FROM
REINFORCED
TUNGSTEN!

WE'RE
OFFICIALLY
TEMP-PROOF,
BABY...



SHRAKOW!

NOW LET'S
SHOW THESE
JOKERS WHAT
A SOFT TARGET
REALLY LOOKS
LIKE...







LET OUR
POWERS
COMBINE...
EARTH!



FIRE!



WIND!



WATER!



FROM THE VERY
BEGINNINGS OF LIFE
ITSELF, THERE HAVE
ALWAYS BEEN TWO
CHAMPIONS...



HEART!

BUT NOW I
SEE HOW MUCH
THE WORLD HAS
CHANGED SINCE
I LEFT...

THEN
PERHAPS WE'LL
NEED TO FORGE
A NEW PATH
TOGETHER.



NO--ELECTROSTATIC
READINGS ARE
SPIKING...

BOYS--TAKE
COVER!

KRAKATHOOM!

I FAILED GAIA
ONCE BEFORE--BUT
I SWEAR UPON
MY LIFE...

I WILL NOT
LET THIS WORLD
DOWN AGAIN.

WHOA...
IS THAT--?

THEY
CALL ME
THE ELEMENTAL
GUARDIAN--THE
IMMORTAL
AVATAR...

AND BY
YOUR POWERS
COMBINED...

I AM
**CAPTAIN
PLANET!**

SO IF YOU
PEOPLE WANT TO
HURT THESE KIDS...
YOU'LL HAVE TO GET
THROUGH ME
FIRST.

NEXT: ESCAPE FROM DUKE NUKEM!

TWO SUPERSTAR CREATORS TAKE ON TWO SUPERSTAR CHARACTERS!

Jimmy and Amanda, Dynamite fans are going to be thrilled to see you writing another book following your epic *Invincible Red Sonja* (available now in a beautiful single-volume hardcover!). And you're returning for one of the most exciting crossover projects we've ever been involved with.

Let's start with Elvira: What history do you have with her shows, movies, and character (created and portrayed by the wondrous Cassandra Peterson)?

JIMMY: I first discovered Elvira many years ago; my buddy Joey Delfini had a poster of her on the wall, and he explained who she was and then we watched her movie and I was hooked on her look and great sense of humor. Since then she has become an icon, and as I read more about who Cassandra really is as a person, I became a bigger fan of her and her story and her perspective on the world around her.

AMANDA: What I remember about first discovering Elvira is wanting to be like her. She's got that sense of humor, that love of horror and comedy, and that hair and boobs and gorgeousness, all dialed up to eleven. I think she was (and still is) a great role model for all us weird girls.

I was lucky enough to be on a panel with Cassandra at San Diego Comic-Con yeeeeaaaars ago, and she was such a smart, kind, and funny person. If I remember correctly, she may have mentioned something about giving up the Elvira mantle (NOOOOO!!!), but I am so glad she chose to keep being her!

Turning to our other key cast member: Harley Quinn is one of the characters in comics on whom you both left an indelible impact across a tenure of multiple years and countless contributions. You've reunited with her a few times after the conclusion of your core run, but what is it like to pick her back up again?

JIMMY: I think everyone got the wrong idea about why we stopped writing the Harley books. We eventually were writing the equivalent of three issues a month for many years, and we needed a break and time to have a life. It wasn't that we never wanted to write her again, we just needed an overall mental break from the amount of work we were doing. Since then, every offer we have had to write Harley — and those have been few and far between — we have taken.

We see Harley's story as ongoing and write her in her own continuity; this includes her supporting cast and where she lives and so on. When we were offered this crossover with Elvira, it was the easiest thing in the world to make

it work for us. Diehard fans of our work will feel like we never left Harley, while at the same time we can take her on a new adventure with her new friend Elvira. This series is so much fun.

AMANDA: What Jimmy said. We began the *Harley Quinn* series as a monthly title, and we were told that it might not do so well and could end by issue six. Nobody realized that the series would take off the way it did, and when a comic becomes that beloved, the powers that be understandably want more of it. We tried to accommodate that, but towards the end of our run we were on two issues per month, plus specials... I was running on three hours of sleep a night, and Jimmy was grumpy. That said, we LOVE working with that character, and whenever we get an opportunity to do that, we grab it.

She is one of my favorite characters to work with, because I love a story and character with humor (even if it is dark humor). I've worked with characters who are dark, or who are angst-ridden, and I've found that the characters who fit me best are the ones with lots of humor, and lots of human foibles. That might explain my relationship with Jimmy.

In many ways, though perhaps not initially obvious, these two wisecracking women have some personality and attitudes in common (though they also certainly have their differences). How do the two of you see their dynamics, and how does that come through when you're writing their joint adventures?

JIMMY: Their goals are different, but how they reach them is the fun part. They each have a very instinctive way of creating chaos for those around them and themselves. They have two very distinctive voices, and it's so much fun watching them process each other.

AMANDA: It is so much fun putting these two characters together. We're almost approaching it as a buddy flick. It's much easier to write and draw Harley, because we've been doing that for so many years. Even though we have loved the Elvira character for years, we are not as familiar with writing her, and are still getting a feel for how to approach her. Cassandra has been majorly helpful with that, and we are definitely getting a better feel for writing Elvira. Nobody knows Elvira like Cassandra does!

We're hearing the central story for the series is a big, riotous Halloween party like no other. From either side of the equation, can fans expect any surprise guests to show up?

JIMMY: We are very loyal to Harley's established supporting cast and friends, and we will be dropping them in and out

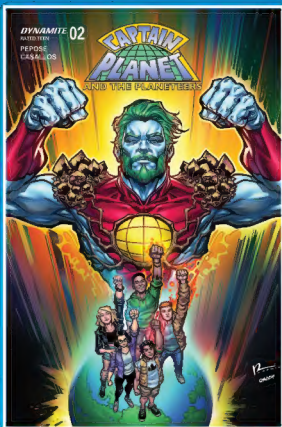
of the series in a way that makes sense to the story and characters. You can expect some super-people and other regulars along the way, but in the end it's up to the two main characters to deliver the goods. Why Harley worked so well during our run was about keeping the focus on her and her world, and with Elvira in the mix, we will continue that and bring Elvira's world into it as the series goes on.

AMANDA: Yeah, a giant Halloween bash seemed like a really excellent way to introduce Elvira into the world of Harley. And nothing Harley does is ever small and restrained, so it made sense for her to laser-focus on Elvira to make the Halloween party the most fabulous event of the year. And yes, we'll definitely be seeing some characters who we love working with, because that's what we do!

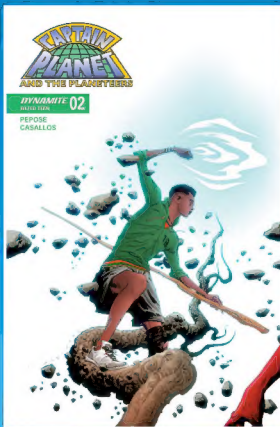


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The Planeteers are finally assembled, but the odds against them and the ultimate survival of the Earth are steep. The untested team now faces the collective might of mega-powerful villains Duke Nukem, Doctor Blight, and M.A.L. and without the help of a depleted Captain Planet, the inexperienced eco-warriors must band together as never before to have any hope of standing against them!



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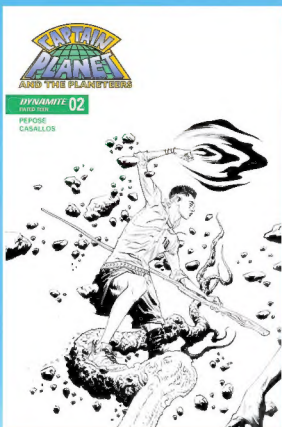
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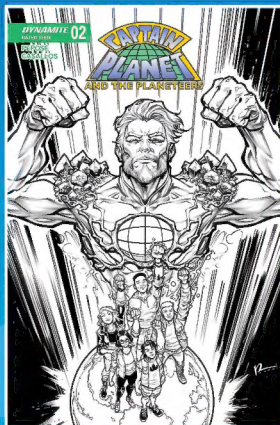
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